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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of Georgia

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Harold Bush-Brown, District Officer  
Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

Owner: Independent Presbyterian Church.

Date: Jan. 13, 1817.

Architect: John H. Green. [Greene]

Builder: First Contractor failed and Amos Scudder completed.

Present Condition: Good. Burned about 40 years ago. Present building exactly as original except the original had doors to the pews. Stone front and stairway in vestibule seem original. Door and enfrainment probably original.

Number of Stories: One and balcony.

Materials of Construction: Stone foundation, porch floor of stone, exterior walls stone, roof slate. Granite columns and square tower, wood entablature, pediment and octagonal tower.

Other Existing Records: Data and one photograph from records of HABS 1934. District Officer, P. Thornton Marye. Mrs.

Buchner, granddaughter of Amos Scudder, Savannah, Ga.

Illustrations; P 48, 49 and 50; - Crane and Solderholz,

"Examples of Colonial Architecture in South Carolina and Ga."-

Bruno Hessling Berlin.

WARE, W. R. THE GEORGIAN PERIOD, VOL. I, p. 246.

DENMARK, E. R. ARCHITECTURE OF THE OLD SOUTH PLATE 68.

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Additional Data: Founded 1755 as branch of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. First building burned 1800. Present building said to be designed like James Gibbs church of St. Martins In The Field in London. Because of a legacy left the church, the high pulpit must remain unchanged. The manse is now the Sunday School and new except the arches over front door and window and the original marble mantels. It is claimed by some that the English Architect William Jay, designed the church but "Jay" did not come to this country until 1818 and the cornerstone was laid Jan. 13, 1817. Seats were sold at auction in May 1818 and the church dedicated May 9, 1819. Amos Scudder gave the church the flagstone pavement around entire church property, (the flagstones were brought from New Jersey by Ox cart), for which he was given a pew for his lifetime and to continue in possession or his descendants.

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DISTRICT OFFICER-HABS

Addendum to  
Independent Presbyterian Church  
Southwest corner of Bull and  
Oglethorpe Streets  
Savannah  
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Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Georgia	COUNTY Chatham	TOWN OR VICINITY Savannah
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) ADDENDUM TO Independent Presbyterian Church		HABS NO. GA-237
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Southwest corner of Bull and Oglethorpe Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Burned 1889; rebuilt 1890 from measured drawings of original building, drawings by W. G. Preston, architect for rebuilding. Original church was of frame construction; no other major changes.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Linley, John. <u>The Georgia Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey.</u> 1982. Located in Savannah National Register Historic District.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION	DATE 6/16/82	